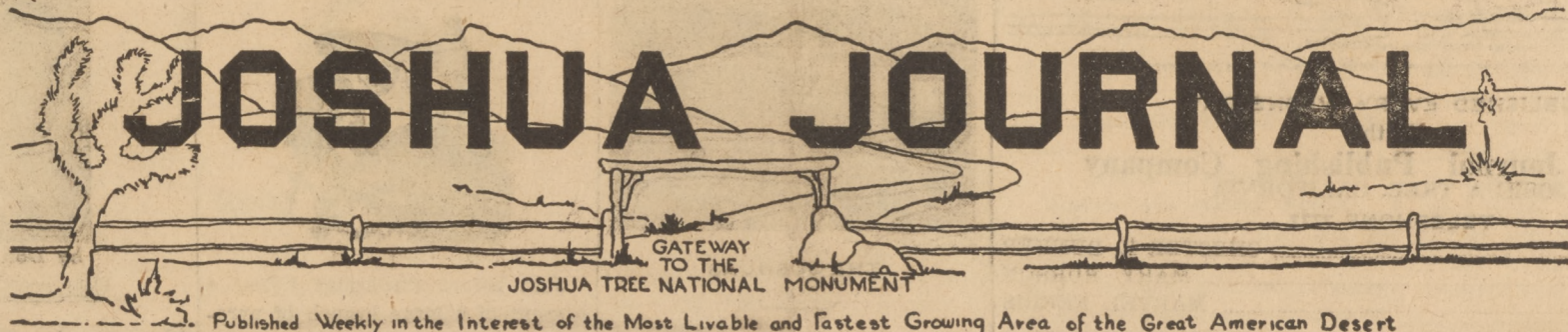


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Home, Home On the Range

JOSHUA TREE — Well, here we go again! Just when we thought that Shirley and Buttons had the cattle situation well corraled, so that we could turn to other items of interest, "Ferdinand" horns in again and we must start tossing the bull around. We were just going to give Shirley and Buttons a nice little comment of appreciation for their cooperation in keeping the cattle out of the valley (and they were too) when who would drop in but the postman with a letter from the governor and Mr. Garrison, Inspector for the State Bureau of Livestock Identification. Mr. Garrison, a well informed man on the subject of cattle, told us in an interview that this was quite a usual problem with his department and that where stray, astray and estray cattle had been damaging private property in other areas the situations had been settled by establishing a "Closed Area." There has been quite a controversy on whether or not the Joshua Desert was "open range." Mr. Garrison told us that he could not find any laws declaring this as either open or closed range. He recalled that in 1850 a law was passed in the State of California declaring "closed range" for cattle grazing, but that in 1859 this law was rescinded. Which leaves the subject in a very moot situation. The assumption being that this country is by nature "open range" just as it is "open range" to squatters on public domain. So we are right back where we started. "The best solution," stated Mr. Garrison, "is to petition your county board of supervisors to have this declared a closed area to cattle grazing."

Yucca C of C Rejuvenates

YUCCA VALLEY — After interference by holidays and other conflicting activities the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce is finally heading for re-organization. Bob Stephenson, C of C secretary, has called a meeting for election of officers this coming Friday, Jan. 13th, in the Community Service Club building at 7:30 p.m. All business men, whether past members or not are invited to attend this meeting. Many important projects are awaiting community action and it is necessary that immediate organization take place.

SHEPPARD HITS ATTACK ON WEST COAST INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rep. Harry Sheppard charged today that certain Mid-west interests are trying to build up their region by urging removal of industries from "vulnerable" coastal areas.

(You tell 'em about San Bernardino County Desert Areas, Harry, we've got lots of clear, safe space out here.) — Ed.

Real Estate Sales Increase

JOSHUA TREE — According to reports up and down the valley there is a general increase in the sale of land. Much to the surprise of real estate men who consider this a low point in the season, there has been a sharp rise in activity.

Reports Cyril Millington of Morongo Valley, agent for Goakes and Lyon, "healthier situation than any time in the past two years." Pat O'Neil, pres. of Pioneer Desert Real Estate Board, "more raw land sales than any time in the past year." Mr. Hess of Morongo Valley observed that "increasing interest in desert real estate." Ole Hansen of Yucca Corral Acres remarked, "we're doing very, very well in sales."

One interesting development has been the sudden appearance of big Cadillacs bearing important looking individuals who are inquiring for whole sections and blocks of virgin land. The latter crowd no doubt has been attracted by the many rumors and plans concerning air bases, government projects, etc.

'Dead Man's Curve' Comes to Life Again

MORONGO VALLEY — "Dead Man's Curve" which in the past has been the subject of much heated comment has again shown signs of arousing action for much needed improvements in the Devil's Canyon road. When Clay Tunstall was returning with his party from Mrs. Gunn's funeral at Banning last Wednesday, they were met at "Dead Man's Curve" by another one of the reckless motorists who have caused several deaths and many injuries on the infamous curve.

Someone driving an English Ford or Austin skidded down grade and almost into the railing as they sped around the corner. The driver managed to straighten out in time to avoid a collision by five feet. Recently, after residents of the Valley had petitioned for improvements on the curve, the crash rail was moved over three feet. And since then several vehicles have moved it additional distances.

As the canyon road is in Riverside County on a section of road that starts from nowhere and goes nowhere as far as Riverside County is concerned, there is small chance for expenditures of funds by Riverside County. However, there could be appropriate slow signs on the curve, or a wrecked auto piled on the outside corner as graphic warning. Or maybe we should wait until a few more people have been killed and mangled before we demand joint action from San Bernardino and Riverside counties, or the State.

Section 13

JOSHUA TREE — Rumors have been flying thick and fast the past week concerning the Stanaland interests on section 13, two miles north of Joshua Tree. We have picked up some very interesting off-the-record "rumors," but by next week we hope to give you some pertinent facts. At least we know that developments are going ahead and that the Joshua Desert should benefit by the results.—Ed.

Airbases and Rumors of Airbases

JOSHUA TREE — What a wonderful life those people in Los Angeles must lead when all they have to do is pick up the morning paper and read what has happened in their fair city, then contentedly sigh as they lay aside the local scandal sheet for more important things. But here in the Joshua Desert the long spaces between publication time leaves many days for gossip and rumor to accumulate.

One of the oldest and most interesting of the current rumors concerns airbases. Off-the-record information concerning one proposed development has local citizens in a dither. Everyone knows about it, but editors aren't allowed to write about it, so see your nearest neighbor for the latest on the Twentynine Palms airbase. To those who haven't heard, may we say, sounds quite interesting.

Then there is the one about a proposed U. S. Air Force Academy. On this one your guess is as good as ours, since the Air Force is considering one-hundred and fifty proposed and offered sites in California alone. The fact that everybody and his Chamber of Commerce in Joshua Desert has sent a telegram to Col. Luplow, U. S. Army Engineers, or his congressman, probably has influenced the Air Force but slightly. However, we do know that we have one of the best flying areas (correction: the best) in the country, and for that reason should get consideration ahead of certain congested (both population and atmospheric) areas in California. So let's all keep our fingers crossed and pray real hard and maybe the Great Flyin' Father in Washington will look with favor upon our great desert.

Joshua Tree Community Ass'n.

A meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 12th, 8 p.m. in Community Hall. Everybody welcome. Your problems are ours. The growth of Joshua Tree depends upon all of us. Your suggestions may help. Card party with refreshments will follow. Bring a card table and pack of cards if possible.

H. SHERBORNE

Government Surveyors Chaining Five Acre Homesteads

Baseline Highway Survey Under Consideration

SAN BERNARDINO — According to Mr. Way's office the proposed Baseline Highway through the Joshua Desert to Parker, Arizona, will be given a reconnaissance survey sometime this spring. Mr. Sterling, Deputy County Surveyor, said that the Board of Supervisors had authorized him to conduct a visual survey by auto within a month or two over a prospective route to determine which way would be the most feasible for an instrument survey. Mr. Sterling's report will then be given due consideration, and if found non-prohibitive the instrument survey would be considered.

YUCCA VALLEY — Fifteen men in the cadastral engineering service of the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management of the federal government are camping at Warren's Well for the next several months while they survey government homestead sections in townships one north, six and seven east, and two north, five east. Directed by Roger F. Wilson and his associate Quintin Campbell the survey crew will re-locate the section corners made during the last survey in eighteen fifty-six, and correct any errors found. They plan to survey quarter corners on some sections and sub-divide the five-acre government homestead leases, which will be actually sixteenths of a quarter section, or ten acre parcels. Assisting the crew will be Al Bobo, Sr., and Jr., and Bob Steffenson of Morongo Valley.

Lions See "Wild Life in Alaska" In Morongo Valley

MORONGO VALLEY — At the Thursday night Lions Club dinner in Jimmy Gibb's Cafe, Morongo Valley, the Lions were treated to a motion picture on "Wild Life in Alaska" (nothing to do with Eskimo night-clubs) in which hunter's paradise was flashed before hungry eyes. "Tail-twister" Hardesty almost lost his office by his erratic behaviour when pictures of twenty-four inch rainbow trout leaped from the cinematic waters. Momentarily J. Freeman was appointed "tail-twister" so Ed Hardesty could be fined, when his dignity was un-becoming his official title.

Temporary chairman, Tom Humphreyville, called a short election to fill the vacancy of secretary. Clay Tunstall of Yucca Valley was elected to the office.

PTA to Hear O. D. Thomas

YUCCA VALLEY — Mr. O. D. Thomas, lecturer, poet, sub-divider and student of human behaviour is scheduled to lecture to the Parent Teacher's Association Wednesday afternoon in the Yucca Valley school house. Subject: "Prospecting in the Mind of the Child." Mr. Thomas, who comes from a family of ten children, and many cousins, can be considered quite an authority on child behaviour, having been the eldest child and therefore an experienced baby-sitter. The public is cordially invited.

Lions to Regional Meet in El Centro

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Bob McCown, Joe Wasserburger and Les Earenfight of Twentynine Palms, together with O. D. Thomas of Yucca Valley and several other representing Lions from the Valley attended the Regional Lions Club meet at El Centro, Monday Jan. 9th. Lions of distinction at the meeting were District Governor James F. McGill of San Bernardino, Dep. District Governor Boyton James of Indio, Zone A Chairman Jim Adrian of Banning, and Zone B Chairman Judge Hollingsworth of West Moreland. The meeting was held at the Barbara Worth Hotel in El Centro.

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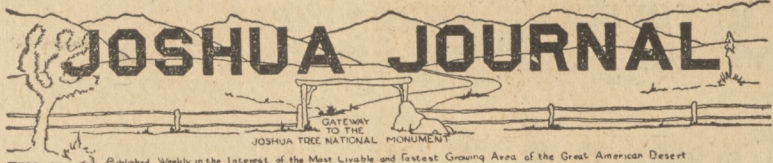
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"THE HOLIDAY IS OVER"

The holidays are over, let's go to work. Of course, we're one of the last to advocate hard work, and the first to campaign for the "siesta" hour in the summer time, but the holiday spirit seems to have lingered longer this season than any time the past several years. It appears as if everyone is waiting for the rumored "big" developments to start and bring back prosperity. And some have brought back the "blues" from down-below which always affects morale locally.

We can't create good times by calling it so here in print, or pep up business by ye olde punch lines. But have we forgotten so soon that there are still millions who need our healthful desert climate, and many thousands who can afford it? What happened to those letters we were going to write, the brochures we were going to send and the Joshua Journals we planned to mail?

We're wasting billions of rays of good sunshine, millions of lungs-full of clean air and thousands of acres of beautiful land by not telling others about our desert. Have you invited that friend out for the week-end, or invested in our "Three-cent-stamp-for-prosperity" club, yet? The holiday is over, let's go to work!

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Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

WE ARE FRIENDS —
THE LOG FIRE AND I

As I sit in the semi-darkness of my cabin watching the cheerful blaze skip about the log fire in the open grate, I can feel its companionship as though it were a human friend. And what qualities for a friend to possess: glowing, frank and unpretentious!

I can readily read this friend's innermost thoughts because there is neither fraud nor concealment there. And how warmly it displays interest and feeling! For see the blaze flares high — rich and festive in its orange-red garb!

Now the mantle clock has ticked away the happy hours, and the blaze no longer acts wildly; its dancing mood seems to be over! Quietly it snuggles down calm and restive while twinkling little flames in dainty shades of blue, dart here and there almost timid-like and "scarey." Still glowing, the once brilliant blaze settles down to quietude and repose, — the residue of a once flamboyant life.

I will be sad when the nights are no longer cold enough for my friend, the Gowing Fire, to come. Each night, during the many winters here at my cabin-home, I have enjoyed its companionship and its sprightly dances! But now it is prayer-time and my mood, like that of the faltering flame, settles down in quiet acquiescence. Again I ask the Great One that I, like my fire-friend, may have that same rich life: — frank, glowing, and unpretentious!

Journal Ads
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Greenhorn Gardner

BY RUTH HALE



Just before Christmas I had a present of a large branch of pyracantha berries. I tied them with red ribbon and made a lovely door decoration. Also at the front door I set a couple of pots of Burford Holly, and on these I tied some of the pyracantha berries. Almost fooled myself that they were growing there. It will be about two years before they will produce berries, but the foliage will be attractive all year.

This is a good time to plant for next Christmas. Perhaps you had a gift of money — why not invest in some of the her-berry bushes — Catomaster, pyracantha, or Burford Holly? These will grow in the desert. And now that it is cold — don't forget the birds. If you fix a feeding place for them where you can watch, you will get lots of pleasure seeing the various birds and hearing their cheerful chirps. You can buy scratch feed, or just put out crumbs and table scraps. Last year I had several road-runners who came for meat scraps — didn't know how pretty they were until they stopped to eat. Another visitor was the Stellar Blue-jay — they are quite selfish and mean, but very amusing. We need the birds to keep down the pests — so we can grow things.

Wood-Ray To
Open Soon

YUCCA VALLEY — The Wood-Ray restaurant and barber shop, scheduled to open the 1st of January, will definitely be opened within two weeks, possibly Sunday the 22nd. The modern new building, built by the owners and contractor Bill Pace, will have a very spacious dining room. The counter will serve ten persons at a time, and table space for twice that many will be available.

Something's wrong: Miracle drugs have been available for several years, and a new one is heralded every few weeks, but still there are obituary columns.



by Don Harvey

Harvey in Hollywood

SPECIAL TO JOSHUA JOURNAL:

Hi Neighbors! A little late, but none the less sincere . . . AHAPPY NEW YEAR from Hollywood! And someday, we feel just a little old and gray when JACKIE COOGAN, whom we remember as a child star, reports the theft of his toupee! Time Marches On!

COWBOY QUIZ: How well do you know your Western Stars? Of Hollywood's top saddle heroes, one (a) was born of wealthy parents and graduated from the University of North Carolina; another (b) once worked in an Ohio shoe factory, picked peaches, and drove a sand and gravel truck; a third (c) drilled oil wells, sold automobiles and clerked in a grocery store; and a fourth (d) was a railroad telegraph operator in Oklahoma. How many can you identify? We'll give you the answers next week.

Anyway, it's different: In her next Monogram comedy, "Jiggs and Maggie Out West," Maggie (Renie Riano) will wear two holsters. But these holsters will not hold six-shooters. Maggie's weapon will be . . . take one guess . . . rolling pins!

RANDY SCOTT has a new hoss! Warner Brothers Christmas-gifted him with a beautiful new stallion, "Stardust." Randy will ride him in "Colt 45" and all of his future westerns.

GENE AUTRY took off last Friday on that promised tour. Took along PAT BCTTRAM, GLORIA GRAY and SANDY SANDERS. The trip will wind up in New Orleans about March 20th . . . watch for GENE when he comes your way . . . in person!

TYRONE POWER, the Prince of Foxes, is moving in on Hoppy and our other cowboys. TY's new picture "Rawhide" is a rootin' tootin' hoss opy and is now shooting up on the Lone Pine location. The last time Power climbed in the saddle was for "Jesse James."

The Artists League of America selected the "Ten Most Perfect Features in the World," and gave JANE RUSSELL a citation "for the most outstanding cheekbones!" How's that again, fellas? SMILEY BRUNETTE, co-star with CHARLES STARRETT in the "Durango Kid" series is off for a tour of 16 cities in January. Smiley tells us that most Western stars make more money on their personal appearance tours than they do . . . IN THE MOVIES.

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Joshua Tree Notes

Clarence Woods of the Woods Auto Repair was one other person who contributed to the making of the fine spring horses given to the children at Xmas time . . . Mrs. Sam Lafferty has been ill with the flu for nearly two weeks . . . The Scout Court of Honor which was to be held Monday the 9th, has been postponed until some time in February . . . Al is back on the job in the Steak House after a bad siege with a lame back . . . Mrs. M. E. Stratton, Wm. Stratton, and Fred C. Nelles of the Whittier State School for boys, and Kathy Andrew of Yucaipa were visitors in Joshua Tree during the holidays . . . Dugan and Rosemary Campbell are visiting in Joshua Tree and renting a house. Mr. Campbell is a writer by profession . . . Lou Hausley of L.A. is visiting her sister Mary Burson, of the Journal. She has the wall paper concession at Barkley Bros. . . Mrs. Murphy and her brother Ed Bartlett are back in town. . .

Women's Club Entertain

Mrs. Margret Bair entertained the Woman's Club board Jan. 4th. A lovely lunch was served. Many plans were discussed for the year. to be placed before the club at the next meeting. This meeting will be a birthday luncheon. Mrs. John Stuart, a State officer, will also be present to give a talk. The ladies of Pioneertown were invited to attend this meeting.

Negro Dude Ranch Proposed for Joshua Desert

JOSHUA TREE — A proposed Negro dude ranch, the largest of its kind in the world, is being planned on a site near the junction of Twentynine Palms Hiway and Sun Valley Road. This recreation center has been in the planning stage for quite some time and is being developed by Los Angeles interests, it is assumed. Definite date of construction is not yet decided.



Pick 'N Shovel

Howdy, Podnuhs! Jest ran into one uh muh ole buddies yisterday, John Reddin of Yucca Valley. John is one of th' old home-stidders around these parts an' the best man that iver pick up a pir o' prunin' shears. He's pruned trees from El Centro tuh Sacramento. But thet's gittin' offen th' subject.

I was goin' tuh tell yuh 'bout John's minin' interests. Seems as though John an' his son Grant, an' thet Helfner fellow from Yucca Valley done bought out th' Old Rose Mine here last year. Th' Rose Mine, effen you old timers recall, gave out 'leven million dollars in gold in her day, that was back about half century ago. They struck an underground stream o' water and she plumb nigh filled up, an' that stoppted operations. Th' last wagon load o' ore hauled out by Charlie Retcher was worth danged near hunnert thousand dollars.

Wal, when John heered th' old Rose Mine was fer sale, he looked her over an' decided them diggins was too rough, but that big pile o' talin's sure looked good tuh him. So tuh make a story short he had em assayed and found they run better 'in ten dollars per ton. Wal, now you jest guess what John's doin' these days. Yup, John's got some mighty nice prunin' to do. Yes, Sir. — "Ole Zeke"

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FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Fellowship meetings are held at the chapel the fourth Saturday of each month.

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Sunday School same hour
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Fri. Prayer Meeting 7:45 P.M.

CATHOLIC MASS

Sat. 9 a.m., Rev. O'Dowd

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

LESSON TOPIC "LIFE"

"Life" will be the subject of the Sunday Lesson-Sermon in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. The Golden Text from Luke reads: "Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him."

A Bible story from Mark reports that a ruler of the synagogue came to Jesus saying, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live . . . And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn . . . And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her . . . Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked."

"Called to the bed of death, what material remedy has man when all such remedies have failed?" writes Mary Baker Eddy in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." She says "Spirit is his last resort, but it should have been his first and only resort. The dream of death must be mastered by Mind here or hereafter."

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Inglewood, Calif.
Jan. 3, 1950

"Dear Steve:

The turkeys are ordered (2500 eggs) for delivery about March 1st) membership requested in the So. Calif. Turkey Growers Association, resignation from the library tendered, and arrival at Sunfair for permanent residence planned for Feb. 1st, or thereabouts. Am as excited as my ten year old neighbor with his new skates. Plan to stop in Riverside, aso San Bernardino, on the way to meet my new associates, also to ask a few more questions, possibly order the brooders. Sincerely, Elsie Witchen."

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Yucca Valley Notes

Mr. B. R. Headly, from Ponoka, Alberta, Canada, is visiting his brother J. E. Headly, owner of the Mountain View trailer court. Mr. Headly was in the theatre business for over forty years. He plans an indefinite stay in and around Yucca Valley. . . . Barbara Buchanan and Bill Bethel were married recently in El Centro. Bill is with the Navy. . .

American Legion Auxiliary Meets

The American Legion Auxiliary Yucca Valley Unit No. 569 met for their regular meeting Jan. 3. A potluck supper was enjoyed with the members of the American Legion.

The highlight of the evening was the initiation of new members. The following ladies were added to the membership:

Rebecca R. Blizzard, Lucile Carll, Ruth English, Carlotta Forbes, Hilma Peterson, Irma Ryan, Kathron LaSaulnier, Jane Singleton. Also two junior members, Tyna English and Sandra Harmon.

BELL'S FOR PARSON EDDIE

YUCCA VALLEY — According to Wm. A. Moses, Times Religious Editor, there was a bell for Adano, so there must be one for Rev. Eddie's desert flock. Eddie Garver, local minister for the Yucca Valley Community Church, who served in the Billy Graham revival in Los Angeles recently, gained a great deal of notoriety for himself and the Yucca Valley Community Church by his night-time vigils with the lonely ones. The Times Religious Editor was impressed with Eddie's efforts to establish a church in the desert and raised a plea for the one thing that was needed to complete the church, a bell. The results have even astounded the Desert Parson; not one, but half a dozen bells have been offered.

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New Barber In Yucca

YUCCA VALLEY — Cecil Riding, formerly at the "Clip 'N Curl" shop in Pioneertown is sharpening his scissors at the Silver Dollar Pool Room in Yucca Valley now. Cecil, his wife Annette, and their family which includes a new boy, have just recently returned from Salt Lake City. For many years Riding had a shop in Santa Monica where he cut hair for many of the movie colony, who were mighty particular customers.

So, you shaggy brothers, peer from under your bushy brows and find your way to the rear of Harry's Pool hall in Yucca Valley and look like citizens again with one of Cecil's hair cuts.

Icy Grade Causes Near Accidents

YUCCA VALLEY — Ice that formed as a result of a late rain Sunday night in Yucca Valley was the cause for several near accidents on the Yucca grade west of Yucca Valley. Mrs. Coon of Twentynine Palms skidded on the grade and had to be hauled from the ditch by the Hi-Way garage tow car. The school bus also took a side-wise skid on its way to Morongo Valley and was stuck for several minutes.

Two heavily laden trucks and trailers met in a head-on collision near Whitewater Sunday night while trying to avoid hitting a passenger car out of control. One truck loaded with vegetables strewn its cargo for more than a half mile along the hill grade. Both vehicles were a twisted mass of wreckage. Two drivers seriously injured were not expected to live.

Honeymooners In the Valley

YUCCA VALLEY — Monty and Terry Ray, newly married couple from L.A. were vacationing last week in the valley and Pioneertown. Monty is the son of Odis Ray co-owner of the new Wood-Ray restaurant and barber-shop in Yucca Valley. Terry (Dugas) Ray, Monty's very cute dark-eyed bride, was bemoaning absence of her wedding ring which was in repairs due to an accident while target shooting. Monty is asst. manager of the Flagg Bros. Shoe Store in Los Angeles.

Morongo Valley Notes

Jimmy Gibb said last Saturday was his best day in the cafe since he opened. . . . There were thirty-five or forty present at the REA meet in the Community hall last Friday. Petitions are now being circulated for a survey for REA. . . . The Desert Water Co. is installing four inch mains to Sam Lee's place. . . . Mrs. Wm. Hess has been ill with flu for several days. . . . Sale of tickets for the Community Theatre productions was going strong but has slowed down somewhat the past week. Let's get them now. Only three-sixty for the season. . .

'Ends and Oddities'

The Joshua Tree isn't a tree at all, but a yucca plant (member of the lily family) of which there are over thirty varieties. . . . Geo. Washington's administration cost \$4 million dollars a year. If we started 6,000 years before Christ and spent \$4 million dollars a year we would just now be exhausting the fund the present administration spends in one year. . . . Beside a stalled bus on Highway 99, this sign: "Why drive? Go by bus and save 2/3rds." . . . We counted freight cars from twenty-nine railroads on the S. P. line one day. Monopoly? . . . Did you know that San Geronimo was the highest peak in So. Calif. . . . One barrel will make fifty-five gallons, one gallon will make four quarts, one quart will make two pints, and one pint will make two drunks. . . .

"Christopher Bean" In Rehearsal

MORONGO VALLEY — "Christopher Bean" first of the Morongo Valley Community Theatre plays started rehearsals last Monday night at the Arnold apartment. Tryouts were held Tuesday and Wednesday of last week and the following persons were chosen for parts: Mrs. Vera Martin, who has the leading role as maid, Milford Weis, Mrs. Wm. Hess, Mrs. Visser, Mr. Bob Weir, Mr. Giles, Dave Griebach, Irene Tungstall and Kenny Witting (Yucca Valley); the latter couple play the juvenile parts. Mr. Carter, director, said that rehearsals would be held the first three days of the week until production date, Feb. 3rd and 4th.

MORONGO VALLEY CHAMBER MEET

MORONGO VALLEY — There will be a meeting of the Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce Jan. 12th at the Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. It will be a general business session. Plans for license-plate tabs bearing the inscription 'Morongo Valley' will be discussed.

Banning Theatre

Wed., Thurs. Jan. 11-12
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"GOLDEN STALLION"

Annual Meeting

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persons expressed desire to go. The date will be announced in the next week's issue of the Journal.

Forrest Summers called attention to the black-board at the Cantina where announcements of any activities will be posted and that those wishing to make the various trips should sign on the blackboard. The Purina dinner and school on the 16th in Los Angeles was another trip discussed. Art Hall conveyed word that he would furnish transportation to the Purina session.

Bob Kroes brought up the subject of Veteran's Turkey School, and told of the efforts to get information. Bob encountered the usual "red tape" and as yet has not contacted the right party. Mr. Turner, of Ranch-Way, said that there was a school in poultry in San Bernadino and thought that the Vets could enroll there and get their subsistence allowance and earn credit for on the job training on the ranches in Sunfair.

Someone asked why turkey growers were charged ten percent on ordering turkey poulters this year and Mr. McAndrews of Ranch-Way replied that the ten percent deposit was necessary because some people cancelled their orders after the eggs had been placed in the incubators. In order to insure against possible loss of eggs due to cancellation of orders the hatcheries must protect themselves by charging ten percent on order, fifty percent when the eggs are set and the balance on delivery. After the business meeting was

closed Mr. McAndrews made a few remarks concerning the outlook for the coming season. He believed that the market this year would not be as good, but the Sunfair turkey growers had the opportunity of making money if they were careful of management. He told how they could save money on feeds by using the right kind of grains instead of certain so-called "prepared" types already milled. "A turkey", said Mr. McAndrews, has a better grinder in its craw than any feed mill. Some mashes and pellets would be necessary, he remarked, but not all the time.

According to McAndrews there are one hundred and thirty million pounds of turkey left in storage which is keeping the price down, but that if a grower started now he could have prime turkeys ready early and get a good price. He again stressed the importance of good management to save profit this year. With practically no disease losses, plenty of shade and careful feeding Sunfair growers could beat the competition even if prices are low. The importance of standing by the Association because of their concern for the grower was also stressed. Private packing companies do not have the growers interest at heart and will force lower prices where not protected by an Association. Mr. McAndrews asked the Sunfair growers to submit a list of the number of poulters raised, the number of pounds of feed and mash, and dates involved, so he can make an overall average on consumption and poundage per bird.

Following Mr. McAndrews remarks the meeting was adjourned.

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Pioneertown News

Ceiling for Bowlers

PIONEERTOWN — "Tommy" Thompson, who has returned to the Pioneer Bowl after several weeks absence to the city, is putting a Johns Mansville insulation board ceiling in the Pioneer Bowl to keep the amusement center warm for the bowlers this winter. Even though there are some hot bowlers in the league this year, they fail to raise the temperature of the massive room. In addition the beer concession will be adorned with a red-wood box-canopy above the counter.

29 Palms Notes

Mrs. Belle Jester was visited by her great-grand children, Dickie, Gordon, and Darla Mae, of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, during the holidays . . . The Shingle Inn (delicatessen dept.) prefers turkeys from the Perry Dutton Ranch in Sunfair.

China Missionary Son Builds Local Church

David Hanson, pastor of the Calvary Chapel of Twentynine Palms, has an interesting background that dates back to the missionary days of China. Son of a missionary to China, Rev. Hanson was born in Chefoo, China, some twenty-five years ago and lived there, and Shanghai for about fourteen years.

The Hansons, which include wife Darlene and daughter Rochelle (age 9 mos.) moved to Twentynine Palms from La Crescenta in September. Rev. Hanson is holding meetings in the DAV hall while the new chapel is being built on Utah Trail.

In designing man's arm, nature threw in five extra inches of length. The average woman's waist is 23 inches around, and the average man's arm is 28 inches long.

L. A. Executive Succumbs to Stroke

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Mr. Van Brugger, head of the Apartment House Association of Los Angeles, and a retired contractor died of cerebral hemorrhage Sunday night in Twentynine Palms. Mr. Van Brugger, who was born in Holland in eighteen eighty-two, was survived by his widow, Anna Van Brugger. Services for Mr. Van Brugger will be held Wednesday 1 p.m. in the Sunnyside Mausoleum in Long Beach.

NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR THE TURKEYS

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Betty, whose folks live in Wichita, Kansas, is our cheerful little helper on mailing day at the Journal office. And bakes the best biscuits in Sunfair. For some reason, which Perry hasn't figured out yet, she has been baking fresh biscuits every morning for breakfast the past week. Your reporter manages to drop-in on the Dutton's each Sunday afternoon exactly at the moment when one of Betty's delicious dinners is being served, even though she varies the hour (that's one Betty hasn't figured out yet, either).

The Duttons have just returned from their holiday vacation to Texas and Kansas via the garage route. An L.A. mechanic "inspected" their car before they left. They are now good authorities on the best, and worst garages across the country. Betty summed up the trip with, "Yes, we like the country. Nope, you can have Texas."

We found the Duttons to be among the most enthusiastic turkey growers in Sunfair. And, no doubt among the best. Perry has a lot of good progressive ideas and has promise of being one of the most successful growers, too. Add to that Betty's rare sense of humor and we have a perfect combination for the spirit that is making Sunfair the best turkey growing area in the country.

Sunfair Notes

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with the Bishops in San Francisco . . . Steve Moninger (between the bites) tells how much he doesn't like turkey sandwiches . . . The Lester V. Petermans occupied their new cabin at Sunfair last week-end (Ye Olde Journal office remodeled) . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weygold were here last Saturday . . . Someone remarked that the turkeys in the V-Bar-M picture looked like ducks. "At that time," quipped Alma Summers, "We couldn't keep them out of the water." . . . After this "Chet" Bunker will be careful when he invites guests into the Cantina for one of Alma's barbecued sandwiches. They ate three apiece! . . . Sunfair turkeys out-sold all other brands in Ralphs and A&P markets this year . . . It is rumored that Drew Willardson, agent for Norbest Turkey Brokerage (biggest in the country) observed that Sunfair turkeys were favored above all other brands in California market . . . It just occurred to us that Sunfair has the organization to make itself a "model" community for the rest of the Joshua Desert to pattern after. The spirit of cooperation is better here than any other local developments. Take note youse Chamber of Commercesses! . . .

Bank Has Board Meeting

TWENTYNINE PALMS — The Joshua Monument National Bank of Twentynine Palms had its annual stock-holders meeting Tuesday, Jan. 10th at which there was an election of directors for the coming year. The new directors appointed officers following the election. Details of the board meeting will be published in next week's issue of the Joshua Journal.

"A stick of unexploded dynamite was found in the car," says a news article. Where would one look for a stick of exploded dynamite?

Kin of Cliff Tanner Opens Shop

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Harold Ague, brother-in-law of Cliff Tanner, Radio Doc assistant, recently opened for business in Don's Toggery shop near Four Corners. Mr. Ague and his wife Anabel are from Pennsylvania where Mr. Ague worked in retail stores in management positions. They plan to continue high quality men's apparel in western, sport, work and standard styles.

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THE TURKEY GROWERS PAGE

ASSEMBLED ON THIS PAGE EACH WEEK ARE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE TURKEY GROWERS OF THE DESERT AREAS

More New Turkey Growers

SUNFAIR — Work will begin soon on another brooder house or two for new turkey growers in Sunfair. Mrs. Clara Chamberlain of Manhattan Beach, who was visiting here last Sunday, announced intentions to start as a grower this season. Mrs. Chamberlain brought with her two daughters, a sister, two sons-in-laws and a nephew, all interested in the turkey business. Her daughter, Elsie Chamberlain, works for North American Aviation. Son-in-laws James Ellison and Bill Garrison are an auto mechanic and Nylon knitter, respectively. Harold Fehrenkamp, nephew, of Kansas City, is an attorney here on vacation. Mrs. Chamberlain's other daughter, Mrs. Susie Murphy and her sister Gladys Taylor, also of Manhattan Beach, accompanied her on the visit to Sunfair. Just how many turkey ranches and ranchers will develop out of this gregarious family group is still in the formative stage. But it all proves one thing that turkey growing is still attracting some mighty interesting people to Sunfair.

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Nothing Too Good For the Turkeys

SUNFAIR — Nothing is too good for the turkeys at the Perry Dutton Ranch in Sunfair, even to letting the birds take over the parlor while the Duttons were building their brooder house. Our rare cold snap last year caught the builders in the process of pouring the cement floor and the brooder house wasn't ready for the young poults. But what's good enough for the Duttons is good enough for their turkeys so the birds moved into the parlor. Betty had one complaint, however, the turkeys just weren't house-broke.

The Duttons have been in the turkey business in Sunfair for two years, so that makes them veterans. Perry's father raised the first flock of one thousand birds in '48 while Perry, Jr., and wife Betty were still in Los Angeles. Then the young Duttons took over the ranch in '49 while Perry's folks moved back to Texas. Perry bought three-thousand poults last year and raised almost all of them. This year he plans to raise four-thousand and for himself, unless he helps on the Arthur Haynes ranch, then he'll cut his flock down to about half that.

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Sunfair Notes

Tom Frye spent quite a few days during the holiday season privately investigating the turkey market below. He learned some interesting things about how Sunfair turkeys are giving some tough competition . . . The Cantina is going to make a nice hangout this season, especially on shipping nights when "sweating out the trucks".

Mrs. Bob Kroes spent the past week in Arlington visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller . . . Mr. and Mrs. McGuinness of San Francisco visited the E. B. Bishops on their way back to Colorado. The McGuinnesses formerly lived

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Fetherstons in Big Productions

SUNFAIR — Whether its turkeys or motion pictures you can count on it that the Fetherstons will be in it in a big way. Eddie says that he is getting ready for three thousand and poults this year on the Roselle Ranch and is pouring a twelve hundred foot concrete slab for the new brooder house immediately. His poults will arrive March 16th from the Loomis hatchery of Hemet.

Roselle Fetherston is resting for a few weeks prior to going on location with the new Columbia production "Born Yesterday," a multi-million dollar picture, which was a Broadway hit in recent years.

Annual Ass'n. Meeting

SUNFAIR — The first Sunfair Turkey Growers Association meeting for 1950, held last Friday, Jan. 6th at the home of Bob Kroes, Assn. president, marked the beginning of another successful year of turkey raising, if plans as outlined during the meeting are carried out. Bob Kroes began the meeting with a summary of the old business and appointed a committee to draft by-laws for the Association. Mr. Briggs, Mr. Wetmore, Charles King, Mr. Terrazas and Mr. Stepp accepted the appointments. Other members are to turn in any suggestions to the committee before the next meeting.

Disposal of turkey fertilizer was one of the problems discussed, and it was agreed to advertise in papers in the Coachella Valley area for persons interested in hauling away the fertilizer. Burning was the best method suggested for disposal of feathers. Some one remarked that feathers had been found as far away as the Amboy road.

The problem of buying supplies was discussed with view towards getting lower prices by purchasing in group lots on material. Mr. Turner, of Ranch-Way Feeds, however, put out his neck when he said he could get anything needed at reasonable prices, and remarked that their advertised "Complete Poultry Service" meant exactly

what it said. Mrs. Charles King queried if that meant disposal of fertilizer, too?

Word was received from Mr. Lester Peterman, attorney and property owner in Sunfair, that he would furnish free legal advice to the Association if they would incorporate. Incorporation, according to Mr. Peterman, would relieve individuals from libel for any action by the association, or other members of the association, besides having other important advantages.

Various field trips and parties were discussed and for the trip to the Childres Hatchery, twenty

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